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REMARKS

This amendment is filed in response to a telephone conference with the Examiner on October 19, 2004, wherein the Examiner indicated that claims 30-34 included allowable subject matter. In light of this Applicant hereby cancels Claims 1-29 and Claims 41-72. Further, Applicant has amended Claims 30-32. In light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 30-32 and Claims 33-40 that depend from these claims are patentable over the cited references. Applicant requests that these amendments be entered and that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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